above mentioned inputs up to 75 days from the date of clearance issued by the Ministry. This revision is allowed only for projects which are still in the tendering process.

Implementation of Bharat Nirman Scheme in Goa

1829. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Nirman Scheme is implemented in Goa; and

(b) if so, the details of the project approved and financial assistance granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) Bharat Nirman was conceived as a business plan to be implemented over a period of four years *i.e.* 2005-09 for building rural infrastructure in all the States including Goa. It has six components which includes bringing additional 1 crore hectares under assured irrigation, connect all villages with population of 1000 (500 in hilly/tribal areas) with road, construct 60 lakh additional houses for the poor, to provide drinking water to all uncovered habitations and address the quality problems, to provide electricity to all the villages and to give telephone connectivity to the remaining villages. The rural roads, rural housing and rural drinking water supply components of Bharat Nirman are being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development.

Under Bharat Nirman for rural housing, central funds of the order of Rs. 615.86 lakh has been released to Goa upto November, 2008 and the State Government has reported to have constructed 2898 houses for the rural poor. Rural roads target is to upgrade 760.46 km. of existing roads for which the State Government has been requested to submit the Detailed Project Report (DPRs). For Rural Drinking Water Supply, Central Government has released Rs. 476.05 lakh covering 3 habitations under Safe Drinking Water Supply. An amount of Rs. 49.5 crore has been released and an area of 9981 hectares is reported to have brought under assured irrigation.

Social Security number to beneficiaries of welfare schemes

†1830. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of persons getting benefits under various welfare schemes and the number of persons living Below Poverty Line among them;

(b) the steps taken to allot Social Security Number to all the end users in order to ensure that all such persons can avail of all the benefits under these schemes;

(c) whether Government intend to evolve a mechanism for allotment of exclusive Social Security Number to each individual and prepare a nationwide database for his proper identification and verification and also for making improvement in the targets set for these schemes; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Different Ministries and State Governments are implementing a number of schemes for the welfare of the people including the persons living Below the Poverty Line (BPL). Ministry of Rural Development is also implementing wage employment, self-employment and rural housing programmes in the rural areas under which benefits directly flow to the rural people. National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) provides a guarantee of 100 days wage employment in a financial year to all the rural households whose adult members volunteer to do the unskilled manual work. The Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is a self employment programme under which rural poor are organized into the Self Help Groups (SHGs) and assisted through a mix of credit and subsidy to set up economic activities which could provide them incremental income on a sustainable basis. Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) is a rural housing programme under which the persons living Below the Poverty Line in the rural areas are provided financial assistance for construction of a house. While the NREGA is a demand-driven programme where all rural households are eligible to take up wage employment, under SGSY and IAY, the assistance is provided only to the persons living Below the Poverty Line in the rural areas. A statement indicating the number of persons benefited under NREGA, SGSY and IAY during 2007-08 is given in the Statement. (See below)

(b) to (d) Recently, an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) headed by the External Affairs Minister approved the establishment of a Unique Identity Authority for all residents of the country under the Planning Commission. It is proposed to assign a Unique Identity (UID) Number to each individual in the country which would remain a permanent identifier. The proposed UID would serve as the basis for many e-Governance Census incorporating online verification of a person's identity besides enabling the Government to ensure that benefits under various programmes reach the intended beneficiaries.

Statement

Total beneficiaries during 2007-08 under NREGA, SGSY and IAY

Sl. No	State/UTs	NREGA (No. of households benefitted)	IAY (Dwelling Units constructed for BPL families)	SGSY (Swarozgaris assisted – SHGs+ individual in No.)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4803892	194861	95475
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4488	6422	1157
3.	Assam	1254800	150776	79519

1	2	3	4	5
4.	Bihar	3591459	430864	98664
5.	Chhattisgarh	2294108	30093	41791
6.	Goa		735	401
7.	Gujarat	260721	110908	35452
8.	Haryana	72815	13398	18560
9.	Himachal Pradesh	271059	4029	7675
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	118131	15361	6562
11.	Jharkhand	1637553	45936	78037
12.	Karnataka	549994	39990	79949
13.	Kerala	182605	37094	29723
14.	Madhya Pradesh	4346916	60222	70623
15.	Maharashtra	469455	126117	119285
16.	Manipur	91089	3379	4574
17.	Meghalaya	109881	2271	3154
18.	Mizoram	88940	1918	6067
19.	Nagaland	115579	7491	2259
20.	Orissa	1105757	140853	87171
21.	Punjab	49690	17992	11949
22.	Rajasthan	2220040	42517	42035
23.	Sikkim	19664	1533	1718
24.	Tamil Nadu	1259983	103379	87712
25.	Tripura	423724	12945	13027
26.	Uttaranchal	189263	18766	13410
27.	Uttar Pradesh	3969605	264296	286037
28.	West Bengal	3843326	107575	61627
29.	Andaman and Nicobar islands		297	195
30.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli		121	
31.	Daman and Diu		12	
32.	Lakshadweep		97	
33.	Pondicherry		101	1087
	Total	33344537	1992349	1384895